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In re Application of

Inventor: Pamela A. Kramer

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
THERMAL SPRAY PROCESSING OF  
MEDICAL DEVICES

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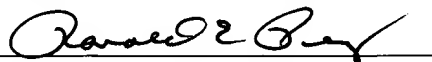
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 9, 2002. Applicant encloses herewith a one-month Request for Extension of Time to November 9, 2002 and the associated fees related to said Request for Extension of Time. Entry of the following amendments prior to examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice non-elected claims 1 through 24.